

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 13-18 because of certain noted informalities. Applicant has amended the claims so that these informalities have been corrected and as such, believes that claims 13-18 are now acceptable.

In addition, claims 16-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite for lack of an antecedent basis for a specified term in claim 16. Applicant has positively recited that term and as such, does not now require an antecedent. As such, applicant believes claims 16-17 are now definite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

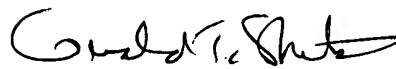
In addition, claim 18 has been rejected as anticipated by Singh, et al. Applicant has amended claim 18 so that it now recites percentage compositions outside of the teachings of Singh, et al and, accordingly, applicant believes claim 18 to be allowable over Singh, et al.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and the remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below

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